

1. An apparatus for exchanging vehicle information, comprising:
  - a communications module configured to establish a wireless connection with a respondent identification device responsive to a collision indication;
  - a control module configured to identify a collision based on inputs from a vehicle data system, the control module configured to responsively assemble a vehicle identifier, send the vehicle identifier to the respondent identification device, and receive a respondent vehicle identifier from the respondent identification device; and
  - a memory module configured to store the vehicle identifiers from the host vehicle and one or more respondent vehicles.
2. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising an interface module configured to connect with a vehicle data system of a host vehicle, the interface module further configured to receive a collision indication from the vehicle data system.
3. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the interface module connects to the host vehicle data system over a wireless network.
4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the control module verifies that the respondent identification device is responsive to the collision indication.
5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the communications module is further configured to transmit the stored vehicle identifiers received over the wireless network connection to an authorized collection device.

6. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the control module verifies the identity of the authorized collection device.

7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the wireless communications are encrypted.

8. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the memory module stores the state information of the host vehicle.

9. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a GPS module configured to locate the host vehicle.

10. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the collision indication is generated by the control module.

11. A system for exchanging vehicle information, the system comprising:

- a wireless network configured to facilitate communication between wireless devices;
- a vehicle data system configured to detect and communicate a collision indication; and
- at least two identification devices, wherein the first identification device, responsive to a collision indication from the vehicle data system, assembles and stores a vehicle identifier of a host vehicle and establishes a wireless network connection with the second identification device, the first identification device further configured to send the host vehicle identifier to the second identification device and receive a respondent vehicle identifier from the second identification device.

12. The system of claim 11, further comprising an authorized collection device configured to establish a wireless network connection with the identification device, wherein the identification device sends a plurality of vehicle identifiers to the authorized collection device.

13. The system of claim 12, wherein the identification devices verify the identity of the authorized collection device.

14. The system of claim 11, wherein a first identification device verifies that a second identification device is responding to the collision indication.

15. A method for exchanging vehicle information, comprising:  
receiving a collision indication;  
establishing a wireless network connection with a respondent identification device;  
assembling a vehicle identifier;  
exchanging vehicle identifiers with the respondent identification device over the wireless network connection; and  
storing the vehicle identifiers.

16. The method of claim 15, further comprising querying a vehicle data system for vehicle identification information.

17. The method of claim 15, further comprising querying a vehicle data system for vehicle status information.

18. The method of claim 17, further comprising storing the vehicle status information.

19. The method of claim 15, wherein the vehicle data system comprises a vehicle control system.

20. The method of claim 15, further comprising transmitting a plurality of stored vehicle identifiers to an authorized collection device.

21. The method of claim 15, wherein communications over the wireless network connection are encrypted.

22. A computer readable storage medium comprising computer readable code configured to carry out a process for exchanging vehicle information, the process comprising:

receiving a collision indication;

establishing a wireless network connection with a respondent identification device;

assembling a vehicle identifier;

exchanging vehicle identifiers with the respondent identification device over the wireless network connection; and

storing the vehicle identifiers.

23. The computer readable storage medium of claim 22, further comprising computer readable code configured to query the data system for vehicle identification information.

24. The computer readable storage medium of claim 23, further comprising computer readable code configured to assemble the vehicle identifier from the vehicle identification information.

25. The computer readable storage medium of claim 22, further comprising computer readable code configured to retrieve and store vehicle status information.

26. The computer readable storage medium of claim 22, further comprising computer readable code configured to transmit a plurality of vehicle identifiers to an authorized collection device.

27. The computer readable storage medium of claim 26, further comprising computer readable code configured to verify the identity of the authorized collection device.

28. The computer readable storage medium of claim 22, further comprising computer readable code configured to encrypt communications over the wireless network.

29. The computer readable storage medium of claim 22, further comprising computer readable code configured to add time stamp data, collision indication data, and insurance information to the vehicle identifier.

30. An apparatus for exchanging vehicle information, the apparatus comprising:
- means for receiving a collision indication;
  - means for querying a host vehicle data system for identification information;
  - means for assembling a vehicle identifier;
  - means for establishing a wireless network connection to a respondent identification device;
  - means for exchanging vehicle identifiers with the respondent identification device; and
  - means for storing a plurality of vehicle identifiers.